

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title of the invention on page 1, line 1, with the following amended title:

~~GENES FOR MODIFYING PLANT TRAITS~~ TRANSCRIPTION FACTORS THAT REGULATE
RESISTANCE TO FUNGAL PATHOGENS

Please add the following new paragraph at page 1, line 7, before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION":

The claimed invention, in the field of functional genomics and the characterization of plant genes for the improvement of plants, was made by or on behalf of Mendel Biotechnology, Inc. and Monsanto Corporation as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement, said agreement having been in effect on or before the date the claimed invention was made.

Please replace the paragraph on page 45, lines 1-2, following "Abstract of the Disclosure", with the following amended paragraph:

~~Recombinant polynucleotides and methods for modifying the phenotype of a plant are provided. The invention is directed to transgenic plants transformed with nucleic acids that encode a plant transcription factor that regulates resistance to fungal pathogens, and methods of using and producing the transgenic plants.~~